

Notice of Public Scoping

GLENWOOD SPRINGS FIELD OFFICE GRAZING PERMIT RENEWALS AND LAND HEALTH ASSESSMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2008

Comment Period: Open until **November 30, 2007**

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The Glenwood Springs Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing watersheds for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew 16 grazing permit/leases in 2008. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a watershed basis. During FY 2008 the Glenwood Springs FO will be completing land health assessment(s) in the following:

NAME AND GENERAL LOCATION OF AREA	APPROXIMATE FEDERAL ACREAGE
DEEP CREEK UNIT	38,000

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the public comments and all other available information provided, the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team will establish the priority list of the land areas that will be assessed for compliance with the health standards during the 2008 field season.

The FO will be also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is, the more helpful and useful it will be.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled for renewal in FY2008 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the Glenwood Springs FO:

	ALLOTMENT(S)	RANK H-HIGH M-MED L-LOW	NEPA TYPE EIS EA DNA	"EXPECTED" PERMIT TERM & RENEWAL COMPLETION DATE (MO/DA/YR)	'EXPECTED" PERMITTED ANIMAL UNIT MONTHS (AUM'S)
1	#08625 BULL GULCH	L	CX	10 years 12/31/07	468
2	#08329 FENDER	L	EA	10 Years	66

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	#08339 FENDER IND	L		01/31/08	75
3	#18907 REES	L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	400
4	#08506 COTTONWOOD CK. ECT. #08643 BLOWOUT #08649 LOWER COFFEE POT #08919 CALLAHAN MTN COMMON	L L L L	EA	10 Years 02/28/08	302 532 632 72
5	#08919 CRAWFORD AND KERLEE #08920 RILEY GULCH COMMON	L L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	8 30
6	#18901 MAGPIE CREEK #18903 HUBBARD MESA	L L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	56 61
7	#08015 HAYDEN #18013 HARRIS GULCH #08644 SW RIFLE CREEK	L L L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	8 180 44
8	#18902 WEBSTER PARK #08348 CLOUGH ALBER	L L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	133 547
9	#08113 BEAVER CREEK	L	CX	3 Years 12/31/07	41
10	#08316 W. BASALT MTN	L	EA	10 Years 01/31/08	248
11	#08131 ALKALI GULCH #08207 CANYON CREEK #08212 PARADISE CREEK #08922 SMITH GULCH	L	EA	10 Years 01/31/08	160 144 204 236
12	#18909 CLOUGH ALBER #18910 EAST FORK COM	H M	EA	10 Years 02/28/08	537 449
13	#18006 CEDAR MTN #18011 MIDDLE RIFLE #18012 BRUSH CREEK #18017 LUNDGREN HOGBACK #18018 HORSE MTN #18032 ELK PARK	L L L L L L	EA	10 Years 01/31/08	283 60 320 122 440 204
14	#18003 KISSEL #18024 RYDEN #18026 HOGBACK COMMON # 08028 RED MOUNTAIN	L L L L	CX	10 Years 12/31/07	44 88 43 43
15	#08607 WHEELLOCK IND LARGE	L	CX	3 Years 12/31/07	27
16	#08126 POLE CR & COTTONWOOD	L	EA	10 Years 01/31/08	117

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested public on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a land health assessment, please contact Isaac Pittman at isaac_pittman@blm.gov or 970-947-2808 to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address or phone number above.